the southern languages, apart from Hindi and English in the Hindi-speaking States, and of Hindi alongwith the regional language and English in the non-Hindi speaking States. It is permissible under the Three Language Formula to offer Urdu as one of the languages.

Indian Road Construction Corporation

2415. SHRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the functions of the Indian Road Construction Corporation;

(b) what are the details of the projects entrusted to this Corporation both in India and abroad; and

(c) what are the details of the profits made by the Corporation, if any, during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Indian Road Construction (IRCC) was incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 as Public Sector Undertaking as a specialised Commercial enterprise in the field of construction of Roads Bridges, Airfield-pavement and such other allied Civil Engineering works both in India and abroad.

(b) To-date the Corporation has completed 19 works worth about Rs. 97.00 crores in Libya (15 contracts), Iraq (3 contracts) and India (1 contract). Nine contracts valued at about Rs. 350.00 crores are currently in hand with the Corporation in Libya (5 contracts), Iraq (1 contract), Yemen Arab Republic (1 contract) and India (2 contracts).

(c) The details of the profits made by the Corporation during the last three years are as detailed below:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Years	Profit Before Tax	Profit After Tax
1982-83 . . .	99·57	88·76
1983-84 . . .	250·39	160 76
1984-85 . . .	Accounts under finalisation.	

Rail services between Mukerian and Talwara township

2416. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a railway line between Mukerian and Talwara township in Punjab before the Beas project was taken up;

(b) whether it is also a fact that after the completion of the project the rail services were discontinued; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to re-open the rail services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (b) The siding from Mukerian to Talwara (29.16 kms.) was constructed by the Beas Dam Project Authorities in 1961 for transportation of construction materials. With the completion of construction of Beas Dam Project in 1974 the siding from Mukerian to Talwara is no longer in use.

(c) Construction of railway line from Nangal Dam to Talwara and taking over of Mukerian Talwara Private siding is an approved Project. The Railway Line from Nangal Dam to Rai Mehatpur (6.4 kms.) has since been completed and opened to goods traffic in March, 1985. Completion of the new line upto Talwara and upgrading Talwara-Mukerian siding will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

Nangal-Talwara-Pathankot line

2417. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to construct rail line from Nangal via Talwara to Pathankot; and